

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ralph Jocke on 1/30/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-30, 32-34, 36-37, 39-40, 42-43, 46-47 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 31, 35, 38, 41, 44, 45, 48-54 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 31 and 35 require dispensing at least one sheet responsive to receipt of at least one document by a browser, and claim 31 further specifies that the document is an HTML format document. Claim 38 requires dispensing at least one sheet responsive to receipt of at least one HTML document by a computer. Claim 44 requires dispensing at least one note responsive to receipt of at least one markup language document by a computer. Claim 51 requires dispensing at least one sheet responsive to receipt of at least one markup language document by computer.

Los Angeles Times disclose using an automatic teller machine (ATM) to provide both banking and brokerage services. InfoWorld discloses a Top End transaction-processing monitor having Java client code that sits inside ATMs and runs on personal computers for allowing users deploy point-of-sale applications over the World Wide Web. Instead of establishing client-to-server connection using Common Gateway Interface, the Java client downloads into the user's Web browser and establishes a direct link to the Top End back-end operation. Anderson discloses a computer software system for accessing recent financial information from various financial services providers (abstract). Anderson discloses that the system uses a distributed approach which allows applications running in the system to be accessible through a number of presentation tools or user browsers (col. 2, lines 40-47).

The applied references do not disclose using a browser to perform sheet or note dispensing, let alone all of the typical ATM functions, and the examiner has not established that the applied prior art itself would have fairly suggested, to one of ordinary skill the art, using a browser in the instant manner.

While ATMs inherently dispense statements, the prior art does not fairly suggest, to one of ordinary skill in the art, dispensing a sheet or a note responsive to receipt of a markup language document or receipt a document by a browser as required by the instant claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelly Campen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6740. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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